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SUBJECT: ALLIS-CHALMERS SEMINAR ON CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL
PREPARATION AND HANDLING EQUIPMENT, NOVEMBER 11-13

1. ALLIS-CHALMERS CORPORATION STAGED VERY SUCCESSFUL SEMINAR AT EMBASSY COMMERCIAL OFFICE NOVEMBER 11-13 ON CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS PREPARATION AND HANDLING EQUIPMENT. PRESENTATIONS COVERED EQUIPMENT AND TECHNIQUES FOR CEMENT, AGGREGATE AND ASPHALT PRODUCTION AND HANDLING. ATTENDANCE AT SIX SESSIONS TOTALED OVER 250. FROM MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS INDUSTRY AND OTHER SOVIET ORGANIZATIONS. (DIB-411P POUCHED BEWT/TPD).

2. STATE COMMITTEE FOR CONSTRUCTION AFFAIRS (GOSSTROY) SPONSORED SEMINAR AND DISTRIBUTED INVITATIONS. AT PRE-SEMINAR MEETING GOSSTROY DEPUTY CHAIRMAN S.L. DVORNIKOV TOLD A-C REPS HIS COMMITTEE CONSIDERED SEMINAR PART OF COOPERATION WITH UNITED STATES UNDER OUR AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN FIELD OF HOUSING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION, AND STRESSED AGREEMENT'S IMPORTANCE IN PROMOTING SUCH COOPERATION.

3. DVORNIKOV AND OTHER GOSSTROY OFFICIALS REPEATEDLY
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EMPHASIZED SOVIET INTEREST IN CEMENT AND DOWNPLAYED

IMPORTANCE OF ASPHALT IN MEDIUM-TERM USSR DEVELOPMENT
PLANS. HE TICKED OFF TYPES OF HEAVY INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS
FOR WHICH CEMENT WOULD BE NEEDED IN NEXT FIVE-YEAR
PLAN. ALTHOUGH MINISTRY REPS SHOWED LIVELY INTEREST IN ASPHALT
AT SEMINAR, DVORNIKOV'S COMMENTS SUGGESTED THAT DEPLORABLE
CONDITION OF SOVIET ROAD NET WILL NOT BE SUBSTANTIALLY
IMPROVED BEFORE 1981.

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